

	<b>OPERATING PROCEDURE</b>	
	<b><i>CARDIAC ARREST</i></b>	
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### BLS

1. Perform initial patient assessment with special attention to airway, breathing and circulation. Obtain pertinent medical history as time allows
2. As soon as is practical, provide PSCC, incoming units, and the receiving facility with a situation report. Provide updates as needed.
3. Perform CPR per the AHA guidelines, ventilate with bag valve mask and 100% OXYGEN. Utilize Airway adjuncts as appropriate.
4. Utilize the AED following OP # 6.2.09
5. Obtain blood sugar level.
6. Reassess the patient on an ongoing basis. If pulse returns, provide supportive care per the AHA standard as needed.
7. Provide patient care following OP #6.3.03 (Altered Mental Status) as needed.

### ALS ONLY

8. Connect patient to cardiac monitor and ensure that the rhythm is documented by either recording the EKG or capturing the EKG into the "Code Summary". Once the underlying rhythm is identified, immediately refer to appropriate cardiac arrest sub-protocol.
9. In the event patient has a return to spontaneous circulation, support heart rate and blood pressure with medications and procedures recommended by the AHA standard. Refer to appropriate protocol for specific treatment modalities (e.g.: bradycardia, hypotension, etc)

### MEDICAL CONTROL ONLY

*10. Sedate as needed to maintain intubation.*